

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments/Status

Claims 1-13 remain pending in the application. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended in a manner which is deemed to clarify the subject matter for which patent protection is sought. More specifically, the amendments to the claims are such as to call for the use of a single container in a four-tier architecture of all interaction representations.

Rejections under 35 USC § 102

The rejection of claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Zhang et al. (US 7103644) is respectfully traversed.

More specifically, the system disclosed in Zhang comprises a plurality of servers that might be likened to the CIPS (441 to 454 , 430 , 400) of the instant application, i. e. these servers manage the interactions between the users and the applications services (email, messaging, voice recognition, fax, conference,...). Therefore, there is a plurality of interaction containers (that are linked together by buses and APIs).

However, the "Service session manager" (400) cited by the Examiner is merely a manager that needs an application server (420) and that is coupled via a bus (440) to a "server farm" including one or more service servers (column 6, lines 49-55). Therefore, this reference does not suggest a four-tier architecture but a much more complex architecture wherein there is a dispersal of the interaction services.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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